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SUBJECT: DANISH VIEWS ON C POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: THE HAGUE 1524; BRUSSELS 1811

1. MFA POL DIRECTOR OLDENBURG GAVE ME A RUNDOWN ON MARCH 30  
EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED FROM  
OTHER POSTS. HE ADDED A DANISH TWIST TO TWO SUBJECTS:

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( A ) POLITICAL SECRETARIAT: HE CONFIRMED THAT THE NINE HAD BEEN " STUCK " ON THE LOCATION OF A SECRETARIAT ( BRUSSELS 1811). THE DANES COULD SUPPORT THE FRENCH IN ESTABLISHING A SECRETARIAT IN PARIS, BUT THEY COULD ALSO SUPPORT THE BRITISH, GERMANS, DUTCH AND OTHERS IN HAVING IT LOCATED IN BRUSSELS -- IF IT WERE KEPT SUFFICIENTLY APART FROM THE EC COMPLEX. OLDENBURG DID NOT SEE A COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE FOR SOME TIME, AND COMMENTED, ALMOST RUEFULLY, THAT A POLITICAL SECRETARIAT SEEMED EVEN MORE DESIRABLE TO THE DANES AS THEY APPROACH WHAT THEY CONSIDER THE FORMIDABLE TASK OF TAKING OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINSTERS ON JULY 1.

( B ) US/ EC RELATIONS: AS NOTED IN THE HAGUE ' S 1524, US/ EC RELATIONS WERE ONLY BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. OLDENBURG ADDED THAT THE DANES ARE BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT VARIOUS FACETS OF THESE RELATIONS ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN VARIOUS PLACES AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO MECHANISM FOR COORDINATION. TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND EC MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TAKING PLACE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN GENEVA, BRUSSELS, HELSINKI, AND VIENNA. EVEN THOUGH THE SUBJECTS ARE DIFFERENT, DISCUSSIONS IN ONE PLACE INEVITABLY HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON WHAT HAPPENS IN ANOTHER, E. G., THE INFLUENCE OF TRADE TALKS ON MONETARY MATTERS, AND BOTH OF THESE HAVE IMPORTANT INFLUENCE IN THE POLITICAL FIELD. OLDENBURG CONFESSED THAT HE HAS NO ANSWERS AS TO HOW BETTER TO ORGANIZE OUR CONSULTATIONS, BUT HE FELT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE IN THE WAY OF COORDINATION.

2. I POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND THAT THE CASEY- SOAMES TALKS WERE AT LEAST, IN PART, RESPONSIVE TO THE NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. THERE WAS ALSO GOOD COORDINATION WITHIN THE NAC FRAMEWORK AS RE-AGRDS SUCH MATTERS AS CSCE AND MBFR. OLDENBURG AGREED, BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE THOUGHT SOME UMBRELLA- TYPE COORDINATING MECHANISM WOULD BE USEFUL.  
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